

JOIN THE TEAM

We are recruiting quality individuals, 18 years and older, to work during the summer season. If you, or someone you know would like to work, please call the Family Camp Office at (408) 794-6208. Family Camp also recruits volunteers with specialized skills throughout the year.

The Friends of Family Camp is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Family Camp. To join, send \$20.00 with your name, address and phone number to:

Friends of Family Camp

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Family Camp at Yosemite

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Family Camp at Yosemite

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Family Camp at Yosemite

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Reservations begin in late winter/early spring. See this year's date and rate information on the Reservation Form or call the Family Camp at Yosemite's reservation office for details at (408) 794-6208.

Family Camp at Yosemite offers a Campership Program for residents, which provides a discount to low-moderate income families. Spaces are limited, so please call (408) 794-6208 to inquire about Campership availability.

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DISCOVER



Family Camp at Yosemite is located in the heart of the Sierras just off Highway 120 near the West gate of Yosemite National Park. The Stanislaus National Forest and the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River serve as a scenic

backdrop to this mountain playground. The camp is a retreat where campers of all ages can fish, hike, swim and participate in organized programs, or just relax and take it easy. It's a great experience for the entire family!

Family Camp at Yosemite is a scenic 40-acre self contained campground facility with tent cabins for campers, a dining complex, a swimming area, amphitheater, a campfire circle and conveniently located restroom/bath units with hot showers. The camp facilities include a softball field, archery range, horseshoe pit, playground, shuffleboard courts and a lodge for special gatherings. Limited wheelchair accessible facilities are available, advanced reservations are recommended.

The camp is open to campers generally from May to mid-October. During spring and fall, the pre and post-seasons, camp is available for individual, family and group use. During these periods, camp is host to community organizations such as YMCA, Scouts, schools, and special interest groups. Fishermen stay and fish the river during the early fishing season.

The Family Camp summer program runs from the middle of June through the middle of August. This program is supported by a full staff, with a complete in-house meal service and a variety of structured activities. Families arrive throughout the week and stay an average of four nights. Each family stays in their own tent cabin. Meals are prepared by camp staff and are served cafeteria-style in the dining hall.



FAMILY FUN

Family Camp's summer program provides an opportunity for campers to experience the excitement of sports and activities or to enjoy relaxing leisurely walks along the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River. Family Camp offers activities and special events for all ages throughout the summer, including nature hikes, campfires, skits, talent shows, socials, special activities for children and tots, overnight campouts for older children and teens, and sports such as fishing, volleyball, softball, and ping-pong. Interpretive activities introduce children and adults to the natural history of the Sierra foothills. Nature oriented craft programs are conducted daily. The Fort Tuolumne childcare area provides supervised fun for youngsters (not a licensed daycare), allowing adults to participate in other activities.



Sports tournaments, themed days and special events attract those who are more adventuresome. Reading on the patio, board games, a dip in the pool, a quiet breakfast walk and a glance at the rings of Saturn on a Stargazing Hike are part of a more leisurely visit to camp. A different program is presented each evening with an emphasis on old fashioned family fun.



Many families take advantage of Family Camp's ideal location to plan excursions to Yosemite and the historic gold rush towns of Columbia, Sonora and Coulterville. Trips to the Moccasin

Creek Trout Hatchery and the fishing streams and lakes of the high Sierra are also popular. Other nearby attractions include hayrides, horseback riding and golf.

Traveling out of camp? You can request a bag lunch the day prior to your departure for a nominal fee. Special dietary needs may not be able to be accommodated.

FAMILY CAMP AT YOSEMITE

YOUR MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND

There are over 60 wood frame and canvas covered tent-cabins scattered among the pines and oaks throughout camp. Each cabin contains cots with mattresses (no bedding), benches, a table and bookshelf and can comfortably sleep up to six campers. All cabins have decks for outdoor relaxing. Electrical outlets are available at an extra cost in some cabins.

Fully equipped restrooms are just a short walk from any cabin. All restrooms have hot showers, toilets, wash basins and changing areas for infants. There are electrical outlets in all restrooms.

The Dining Hall complex is the heart of camp. Here you will find the dining room, kitchen, store, recreation room, camp office and the medical aid station. A broad, shaded patio overlooking the Tuolumne River provides the perfect spot for reading, socializing or napping. The Dining Hall deck is the setting for many of the summer's social activities.

Upstream from the Dining Hall a small dam creates a swimming area in the river. Lifeguards are on duty during all scheduled swimming hours, and there is a roped-off shallow area for small children and beginning swimmers. For sun lovers there are beach and lawn areas for recreation or lounging.

Across the river from the Dining Hall complex is Miners Island and Fort Tuolumne. Both are favorites with the younger campers. Miners Island is an island where young campers can play. At the Fort Tuolumne playground (not a licensed daycare) you'll find supervised child-care and special activities for the young campers.

In other areas of the camp you will find a volleyball court, baseball diamond, basketball court, fish cleaning station, amphitheatre and, of course, the river. The river provides shaded beaches, cool dark trout pools, exciting raft rides and the relaxing sound of its water tumbling over rocks as it flows through camp.

